



## November

**1 - January 3**

### STRANGE MATTER

From MBA backboards and cell phones antennas to DVD players and golf clubs, investigate the bizarre world of modern materials.

Museum of Science **617.589.0250**

**10 - January**

### THE POLAR EXPRESS

IMAX 3D Theatre, featuring a young boy's ride to the North Pole. Magical 3D snowflakes experience New England Aquarium **617.973.5200**

**10 - December 30**

### SANTA VS THE SNOWMAN

IMAX 3D Theatre, Holiday film  
New England Aquarium **617.973.5200**

**15 - March 17**

### ICE SKATING

Skate Rentals are available,  
Opens at 10AM, Frog Pond, Boston Public Garden

**16 OPENING EVENT 7PM**

Parks Department **617.635.2120**

**19 - December 12**

### ANNIE

Riverside Theatre, Fairmount Avenue, Hyde Park  
**617.361.7024**

**23 - January 9**

### MRS. GARDNER'S HOLIDAY TABLE

The original dinner party was hosted on December 23, 1904. The Dutch room features Victorian china, silver, and stemware.

Gardner Museum **617.566.1401**

**26**

### FILENE'S TREE LIGHTING & BELL CHIMING

Performances by Boston Symphony Orchestra's Tanglewood Festival Chorus, The Lion King and Santa Claus, 5-6PM **1.800.4EVENT2**



**26 - January 1**

### ENCHANTED VILLAGE

A magical recreation of a turn-of-the-century New England village on a snowy Christmas Eve.

Open daily 10AM-7PM; Christmas Eve 10AM-5PM and closed Christmas Day; New Year's Eve 1-5PM (First Night Button needed for admission)  
Hynes Convention Center **617.635.3689**

**26 - December 30**

### BOSTON BALLET'S NUTCRACKER

The Colonial Theatre **617.695.6955**

**26 - December 19**

### BLACK NATIVITY

Tremont Temple Hall **617.585.6366**

**26**

### PRESENTS FOR A PRESIDENT AND FIRST LADY

This exhibit will showcase 65 state gifts presented to President and Mrs. Kennedy by foreign leaders from around the Globe. The exhibit opens for the traditional gift-giving season in the Museums' White House corridor and ceremonial room.

JFK Library & Museum **866.JFK.1960**

**27**

### MERRY XMAS TUBAS

The colorful tubas are back with songs played by 200 tubas in front of Quincy Market  
Faneuil Hall Marketplace **617.523.1300**

**28**

### ANDERSON TREE LIGHTING

Entertainment, kiddie rides, traveling zoo, pony rides, face painting & a special visit from SANTA  
Cleary Square, Hyde Park, 1-5:30PM

**781.446.2999**

## December

**Open through the 26th**

### LION KING

Opera House **617.880.2442**

**3 - 5**

### MAYOR'S TROLLEY TOUR

**617.635.3911**

**1 - 4**

### CHRISTMAS FROM DUBLIN

Starring the Three Irish Tenors

Cutler Majestic Theatre **617.824.8000**

**2**

### HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

Mayor Menino flips the switch to light the Boston Common, 6:30PM, Parks Department  
**617.635.4505**

**2 - 31**

### THE RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Wang Center **800.447.7400**

**3**

### FRIENDS OF COPLEY SQUARE TREE LIGHTING

Salvation Army Brass Band & Children's Chorus  
5PM, **617.536.2101**

**4**

### MARCHE DE NOEL

Christmas Gifts with a French Flair French Library  
53 Marlborough Street, 10AM-5PM  
**617.912.0423**

**4 & 5**

### 14TH ANNUAL LABOURE CENTER CHRISTMAS HOUSE

TOUR OF SOUTH BOSTON  
Six Beautiful Homes Dressed for the Holidays!  
Twilight tours and day tours, **617.268.9670**

**4 & 5**

### HOLIDAYS AT THE PAUL REVERE HOUSE

Costumed guides will provide a glimpse into holiday traditions. **617.523.2338**



# January

**1**  
ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S DAY SWIM  
L St. Swim Club, South Boston **617.635.5100**

**7-9**  
WORLD OF WHEELS  
Action area with BMX Extreme stunt show daily  
Special Guest Appearance with Bo Hopkins & Candy Clark  
**Bayside Expo Center 617.474.6000**

**14 - March 31**  
THREADS OF FAITH  
Recent works from the women of color  
Museum of African-American History  
**617.742.5415**

**16**  
MLK: GIFT OF SONG  
Presented by: Mayor Thomas M. Menino & Town  
featuring Broadway star Jennifer Holliday  
Symphony Hall, 7:30PM **617.635.3911**

**17**  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING  
NATIONAL SPEAKING PROGRAM  
Presented by: Mayor Thomas M. Menino  
Faneuil Hall, 11AM **617.635.3911**

**27-30**  
BOSTON HOME SHOW  
Bayside Expo Center **508.323.3300**  
or [www.thebostonhomeshow.com](http://www.thebostonhomeshow.com)

**28**  
20TH ANNUAL GALA  
FESTIVAL OF FOOD & WINE  
World Trade Center **781.344.4413**

**29 & 30**  
BOSTON WINE EXPO  
World Trade Center **877.946.3976**

**30**  
CHAMBER CONCERTS  
Members of Boston Symphony Orchestra  
Twelfth Baptist Church, 150 Warren Street, 3PM  
**617.638.9300**

**4 & 5 and 10 & 11**  
HANDEL'S MESSIAH  
151 Annual Performance of this Holiday Classic  
Symphony Hall **617.266.3605**

**4 & 11 & 18**  
HISTORIC FREEDOM TRAIL  
HOLIDAY STROLLS  
Authentic colonial guide shares captivating stories of  
American Revolution and enjoy 18th century holiday  
customs. **617.357.8300**

**4-19 (weekends only)**  
REINDEER GAMES  
Interactive games for children and families, petting  
zoo, Reindeer Parade, Mrs. Claus Sing-A-Long Faneuil  
Hall Marketplace **617.523.1300**

**7-9**  
KWANZAA WORKSHOPS  
Come to our workshop for a hands on exploration of  
the seven principles of Kwanzaa and enjoy  
traditional West African drum rhythm and music.  
FREE, Reservation Required  
Museum of Afro-American History **617.725.2991**

**7**  
CHANUKAH CONCERT &  
LIGHTING OF THE 1ST CANDLE  
Boston Common 4PM, **617.424.1190**

**8-14**  
MENORAH LIGHTING ON  
BOSTON COMMON  
Chabad House of Greater Boston  
8 & 9 AT 5:15PM • 10 AT 2:30PM • 11 AT 7PM  
12 AT 4PM • 13 & 14 AT 5:15PM

**12**  
MESSIAH  
Trinity Church, 5PM **617.523.6676**

**12**  
CHRISTMAS CONCERT  
Old North Church, 5PM **617.523.6676**

**12**  
231ST RE-ENACTMENT OF THE  
BOSTON TEA PARTY  
The Old South Meeting House, 5:30-7:30PM.  
Free to all dressed in Colonial Costume  
**617.482.6439**

**13-30**  
2004 BOSTON POPS  
"HOLIDAY POPS" SERIES  
Keith Lockhart and guest conductors to lead  
Boston Pops in program of Christmas favorites  
Symphony Hall **617.266.1200**

**16 & 19**  
HANDEL AND HAYDN  
PRESENTS SILENT NIGHT:  
A GERMAN CHRISTMAS  
Ring in the holidays with festive works from the  
German Baroque, and traditional German carols  
Jordan Hall **617.266.3605**

**19**  
MANGER SERVICE  
Old North Church, 4pm **617.523.6676**

**26-29**  
DISNEY ON ICE  
Presents Mickey's and Minnie's Magical Journey  
FleetCenter **617.624.1000**

**29-30**  
FIRST NIGHT FLOAT BUILDING  
Wheelock Theatre builds First Night float for  
Parade in Quincy Market. Children can participate  
with construction.  
Faneuil Hall Marketplace **617.523.1300**

**31**  
CONCERT ON CITY HALL  
PLAZA

**31**  
FIRST NIGHT CELEBRATION  
Join Radio Disney's First Night Family Celebration  
(Day Event) **617.523.1300**

**31**  
NEW YEAR'S EVE AT THE POPS  
Symphony Hall **617.266.1200**

**31**  
FIRST NIGHT BOSTON 2005  
First Night presents its 29th annual daylong  
festival of art, music, dance, ice sculptures,  
fireworks and more. In addition to at least five  
monumental ice sculptures, two fireworks displays  
and the beloved First Night Grand Procession,  
highlights of the 200 exhibits and performances.  
**617.542.1399**



## February

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**AFRICAN-AMERICAN  
ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**  
Strand Theatre, Dorchester, 6:30–8:30PM

### *Opening in February*

The Museum of Science will unveil its  
**BUTTERFLY CONSERVATORY**  
Enjoy hundreds of vibrantly colored butterflies  
**617.589.0250**

**4 - 27**

**THE SOUND OF MUSIC**  
The world's most beloved musical returns to the  
Wheelock Family Theatre **617.879.2147**

**11 & 13**

**CLASSIC VALENTINE**  
Do something special for Valentine's with a  
program featuring sparkling gems by Mozart  
and Haydn  
Symphony Hall **617.266.3605**

**13**

**CHINESE NEW YEAR  
LION DANCING PARADE**  
Chinatown Business Association **617.338.6868**

**26**

**JUBILATION**  
Presented by: Museum of Afro-American History  
Celebrating the 2005 Living Legends Awards  
Annual gala with live music and dancing, 7PM  
**617.725.0022 ext. 8**



## March - April

**4**

**NATIONAL GOLF EXPO**  
Bayside Expo **617.474.6000**

**5**

**BOSTON MASSACRE  
RE-ENACTMENT**  
Sponsored by the Massachusetts Council of  
Minuteman Militia, Old State House, 7PM  
**617.720.3290**

*TBA*

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE**  
South Boston, 1PM **617.635.3911**

**12 - 20**

**131ST NEW ENGLAND  
SPRING FLOWER SHOW**  
Bayside Expo, Mass Horticultural Society  
**617.933.4900** or [www.masshort.org](http://www.masshort.org)

**8 - May 8**

**THE BEANSTALK,  
THE GIANT & JACK**  
Five magic beans sprout into a world of adventure  
Wheelock Family Theatre **617.879.2147**

**10**

**GREEK PARADE**  
Boylston Street, 1PM **617.635.3911**

**16**

**FREEDOM TRAIL TOUR**  
Free Ranger Guided Walking Tour  
National Park Visitors Center, 15 State Street  
Call for Spring and Summer Schedule  
**617.242.5642**

**17**

**ANNUAL LANTERN SERVICE**  
Celebrate the 230th anniversary of the signal  
lanterns displayed from the church steeple  
warning the British march to Lexington & Con  
on the evening of April 18, 1775  
Old North Church **617.523.6676**

**17**

**COMMUNITY CHAMBER  
CONCERT**  
Members of Boston Symphony Orchestra  
St. James Church, 125 Harrison Avenue, 3PM  
**617.638.9300**

**18**

**109TH BOSTON MARATHON**  
26 miles, beginning in Hopkinton and ending  
at Boylston Street, Back Bay, Boston  
B.A.A. **617.236.1652**

**18**

**PATRIOTS' DAY CELEBRATION**  
FLAG RAISING CEREMONY AND PARADE  
9AM, City Hall Plaza  
RE-ENACTMENT OF PAUL REVERE'S RIDE  
10AM, Hanover Street, North End  
RE-ENACTMENT OF WILLIAM DAWES' RIDE  
10AM, Eliot Square, Roxbury  
**617.635.3911**



*It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to another holiday season in the city. I invite you to join us throughout the winter as Boston comes alive with activities for everyone.*

— Thomas M. Menino  
MAYOR



## *For Information*

Office of Arts, Tourism & Special Events 617.635.3911  
 Greater Boston Visitor and Convention Center 617.536.4100  
 Massachusetts Office of Travel & Tourism 617.727.3201

Faneuil Hall Marketplace 617.523.1300  
 MBTA 617.222.3200  
 Children's Museum 617.426.8855  
 Institute of Contemporary Art 617.266.5152  
 Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum 617.566.1401  
 John F. Kennedy Library & Museum 877.616.4599  
 Museum of Afro-American History 617.725.0022  
 Museum of Fine Arts 617.267.9300  
 Museum of Science 617.723.2500  
 New England Aquarium 617.973.5200  
 Old South Meeting House 617.482.6439  
 Paul Revere House 617.523.1676  
 Sports Museum of New England 617.624.1234  
 USS Constitution Museum 617.242.0543  
 Franklin Park Zoo 617.541.5466



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*DIRECTOR*

617.635.3911  
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# Winter Events



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